

Ethiopians accused of massacre

MOGADISHU, Aug. 1 (R). — Somali insurgents today accused their Ethiopian opponents in the fighting over the Ogaden of the massacre of hundreds of women, children and old men. Somalia's Somali news agency quoted reliable sources of the insurgent group -- the Western Somali Liberation Front -- as saying massacres took place last Wednesday at Harar, Dire Dawa and Jijiga. These are towns on the northern fringe of the Ogaden, the arid tract in the Horn of Africa which Somali guerrillas are trying to prise from Ethiopian rule. Somalia said that, according to the Front, the head of the Marxist Ethiopian military government, Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, was said to have visited Jijiga recently and ordered the massacres.

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Syrians go to polls

DAMASCUS, Aug. 1 (R). — Syrians voted today in a general

Envoys briefed on Jordan's view

AMMAN (JNA). — Five western diplomatic envoys here were today briefed on Jordan's position regarding Israel's decision to legalise settlements on the occupied West Bank. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim called in the British, French, West German, Italian and Belgian envoys in Amman and warned them of the dangers of the Israeli decision. He told them that the Israeli measure contradicted the 1949 Geneva agreements which prevented any changes in the character of occupied territory, and constituted a new obstacle to peace efforts in the Middle East. He hoped their countries would take individual or unanimous measures opposing the Israeli decision.

Syria, Lebanon fete Armies

BEIRUT, Aug. 1 (R). — Lebanon and Syria, the two neighbouring states once ruled by France as a mandatory power, today celebrated their first army day since the start of the Lebanese civil war two years ago.

In Damascus, President Hafez Assad praised Syria's army, which forms the bulk of the 30,000-man Arab peace-keeping force in Lebanon, by saying it had carried out a "historic mission by saving Lebanon, the Palestine revolution and the Arab nation from the evils of the... dirty conspiracy."

In an address, published by the "people's army" magazine, he also praised the army's "courage and sacrifices in facing the difficulties and challenges and in waging the battles against the Zionist enemy."

There were rallies at various army barracks and military bases. In Beirut, a wreath-laying ceremony took place at the national museum area that once formed the "green line" separating the civil war adversaries facing each other in east and west Beirut.

An army order of the day called on the Lebanese military to heed the future, "not the bitter experiment" and warned "there is no room for passive elements among us."

ral election expected to bring a new mandate for the Arab Baath Socialist Party and the coalition -- including communists -- which it controls. In the election, 31 candidates for the new 195-seat People's Assembly were returned unopposed to the Interior Minister, Maj.-Gen. Adnan Dabbagh, announced. He said more than 300 "hopefuls" had withdrawn last night. This left 694 people seeking assembly seats -- and also strengthened prospects of victory for the ruling national progressive front coalition. All the candidates returned unopposed were nominees of the front, composed of the dominant Baath Party and its allies, the Communist, Socialist, Arab Socialist, Arab Socialist Unionist, Arab Socialist and Arab Socialist Union Parties. The Front held 124 seats in the outgoing legislature. Syrian parliaments last for four years, and about two million people -- all Syrians aged 18 and over -- were entitled to vote today. Final results will not be known until tomorrow, at the earliest, in this second election since President Hafez Al Assad came to power in November, 1970, and introduced measures which he meant to liberalise political life.

A first assembly of 173 members, appointed by Gen. Assad, gave Syria a constitution and named him president for seven years. If turn-out is below 50 per cent of the electorate, polling booths will be kept open during tomorrow. Prime Minister Abdel Rahman Al Khleifawi, Baath Party General Secretary Abdullah Al Ahmad and other cabinet and party members said after casting their votes today that they hoped the elections would consolidate popular democracy in Syria.

BP strikes new oil in Atlantic LONDON, Aug. 1 (AFP). — British Petroleum today confirmed its new oil find west of the Shetland Islands but said the yield was only about 22,920 barrels of crude a day. The find was important, however, because it gave reason to hope that the oil bearing structures of the North Sea continue into the Atlantic, experts said. This was the first oil discovery to be made west of the Shetland Islands, where several oil companies recently began drilling operations.

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SPORTS FESTIVAL -- Crown Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, presents a cup to a winning athlete Monday during the Military Sports Union festival at Al Hussein Youth City. Prince Hassan opened the festival by lighting a torch which was a signal for all participants to enter the stadium and recite the sporting oath. Among the many spectators were Premier Mudar Badran, Commander-in-Chief of the Jordan Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, cabinet ministers, high ranking civilian and military officials, heads of diplomatic missions to Jordan and military attaches. (JT photo).

Arafat calls for new page in Lebanese ties

BEIRUT, Aug. 1 (R). — Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat today called on the Lebanese to turn a new page in the "brotherly relations" which he said had linked the two peoples throughout the ages.

Mr. Arafat, Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, was speaking to reporters after 90-minute talks with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis.

He described the meeting as brotherly, positive and cordial, and said discussions covered the successful implementation of outstanding clauses of the 1969 Cairo accord regulating Palestinian-Lebanese relations. The commando chief added in reply to a question on applying an agreement reached in the summer resort of Chthour, near the Syrian border, last week and related to the Cairo accord that "everything is going on according to plan."

Lebanese rightist and leftist-Palestinian forces have been involved in bitter clashes for over two years. "On this occasion, I wish to call on the Lebanese people as a whole to turn a new page in the brotherly relations that linked the Lebanese and Palestinian people throughout the ages," the commando leader said. Mr. Arafat called for restoring "the strong fraternal ties

brilliantly manifested by the Lebanese people and their president in 1974."

He was referring to the U.N. speech delivered by former Lebanese President Suleiman Frangieh on behalf of Arab heads of state in defence of the Palestine cause.

The commando leader recalled Lebanon's "support for the Palestinian people in their just struggle to return home."

Mr. Arafat went on: "Our people will continue to remember this stand when we return home."

He again invited "all Lebanese groups to open a new fraternal page," and said the Palestinians laid down no preconditions for this.

In reply to a question, Mr. Arafat referred to a meeting he had held with rightwing Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel after the outbreak of the civil war.

"We are ready for any meeting and have no advance conditions to make," he said. He added that President Sarkis had shown full and positive understanding of both Arab and Palestinian issues raised at the meeting.

Asked whether he discussed with President Sarkis U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's Middle East trip, Mr. Arafat said the talks with "all past and future questions."

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Vance starts M.E. talks on optimistic footing

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 1 (R). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance arrived today to meet President Anwar Sadat of Egypt at the start of a six-nation Middle East tour to coax a resumption of Arab-Israeli peace talks in Geneva.

Mr. Vance, who appeared cautiously optimistic of a successful outcome, was conferring with President Sadat at the Egyptian leader's summer villa near his Mediterranean port. He said on arrival: "We have had discussions with all of the bodies (of the Arab states and

a desire to settle the procedural issue which was acknowledged as the chief obstacle to resuming the Geneva talks which have been stalled since 1973. The official hoped Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, whom he will see in 10 days, would be flexible. Mr. Begin has flatly rejected the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation at Geneva. But he said he would accept Palestinian Arabs who are not PLO members as part of the Jordanian delegation.

Mr. Vance's proposals also covered substantive issues, the official said, but added: "I would feel very happy if we could resolve that issue (representation) but that's not everything that has to be done."

Although the emphasis is on clearing a way to the negotiating table, the official said Mr. Vance would still be trying to reach as much advance agreement as possible on the substantive issues. He continued for the first time a shift in American strategy on the Geneva conference which has resulted from Mr. Begin's election. Mr. Vance's first meeting with Mr. Sadat, scheduled to last 20 minutes, was being devoted

to a broad review of the issues and how best to proceed, U.S. officials said. He will have a lengthy exchange with Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy tomorrow morning on questions of details then see Mr. Sadat again in the evening. The London Evening Standard, in a report from Washington today, said the U.S. was backing a plan which would enable the Palestine Liberation Organisation to take part in the Geneva conference if it recognised Israel's right to exist.

The influential Cairo daily Al Gomhouriya said the two men would concentrate on four main points. It listed these as: Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories occupied after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war; Palestinian participation at Geneva; the setting up of an independent Palestinian state; and the fixing of a date for the Geneva conference.

The semi-official Egyptian press today stressed that Mr. Vance's visit was not an exploratory mission nor an exercise in shuttle diplomacy but that the U.S. Secretary of State was coming with specific U.S. proposals.

Egypt sees Mr. Vance's six-nation Middle East tour as one of the factors which could decide whether there will be a fifth Arab-Israeli war. And Egyptian thinking on the Middle East is dominated by a conviction, from President Sadat downwards, that 99 per

cent of the cards for a peaceful settlement are held by Washington. Mr. Vance leaves on Wednesday for Beirut, then travels to Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Another proposal known to be under discussion is to have a West Bank delegation attending Geneva along with some PLO members participating but not in their capacity as PLO representatives.

Another proposal calls for incorporating a Palestinian delegation within the Jordanian delegations to stress an inevitable link between Jordan and the future state of Palestine.

with the PLO. He has said, however, that he might agree to Palestinians not belonging to the PLO taking part in some other Arab delegation.

Just how this might be worked out is likely to be one of the most delicate subjects Mr. Vance face in his two days here. Israeli officials refused comment during the day on a Washington report, carried in the Tel-Aviv press, that President Carter would consider talks with Palestinians provided they recognised the right of Israel to exist.

Israelis seek to sidestep all basic issues in Vance meetings TEL AVIV, Aug. 1 (R). — Israel will seek to steer clear of discussing fundamental aspects of the Middle East conflict when Mr. Vance comes to Jerusalem next week, official sources said today. The Israelis take the view that the Vance mission should be concerned only with procedural questions on the convening of a Geneva peace conference next October. One official said Israel's peace proposals were conveyed fully to President Jimmy Carter in Washington two weeks ago by Prime Minister Begin. "We see no reason to discuss them again before Geneva," the official said.

Mr. Vance is due here on Aug. 9. The Israeli view of his mission appeared to conflict with Arab hopes that the Secretary of State will be discussing substantive issues in advance of Geneva. Mr. Vance has said he will be carrying with him substantive as well as procedural proposals. But officials here insist that Israel has no interest in discussing with Mr. Vance questions as future boundaries and the shape of possible peace treaties.

Following the meeting Prince Saud told reporters that there had been an atmosphere of understanding at the talks and both sides were eager that the spirit of fraternity should be developed on all levels. Prince Saud said that common Arab action was the only means "to achieve our aims."

Referring to the Red Sea, Prince Saud said "we are two littoral countries. It is important therefore that this sea should be a secure and stable international waterway free from power struggles."

On his arrival in Taef yesterday, President Ali told reporters that his country's foreign policy was based on good neighbourliness, cooperation with other countries, mutual respect and non-interference in internal affairs.

President Ali, whose country twice clashed militarily with Saudi Arabia in December 1969 and March 1970 over a reportedly oil bearing territory, said that his country's relations with the Riyadh government "have tangibly developed since the exchange of diplomatic relations."

"This makes us look for wider and more comprehensive scopes of cooperation" with South Yemen's northern neighbour, he added.

Aden seeks closer ties with S. Arabia JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, Aug. 1 (R). — South Yemen head of state Salem Robaya Ali began talks today with Crown Prince Faisal Ibn Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia on bilateral relations, Arab issues and the international situation, with particular emphasis on the Middle East.

President Ali, who is on a three-day state visit, arrived in Saudi Arabia's summer capital at Taef yesterday. It is his first visit to Saudi Arabia since the two countries established diplomatic relations in March last year -- almost seven years after the Peoples Democratic Republic of South Yemen obtained independence from Britain.

The talks were also attended on the Saudi side by Minister of Defence Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and King Khalid's special adviser Rashid Farouq. Representatives of South Yemen included Foreign Minister Mohammad Salem Mutea, Minister of Industry Abdel Aziz Abdel Wali and other officials. The Saudi Press Agency said that among the questions discussed during the 90-minute meeting were "bilateral relations and how best to promote them, and a number of Arab and world issues with special reference to the Middle East situation."

OPEC loses as dollar falls

CARACAS, Aug. 1 (R). — Venezuelan Energy and Mines Minister Valentin Hernandez Acosta said here a further decline of the dollar in foreign exchange markets would force OPEC to take defensive measures. "The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries lacks a strategy to face the fall of the dollar and protect the purchasing power of dollars earned from oil shipments by member countries," he said at a news briefing over the weekend. Senior Hernandez believed a further decline of the dollar must produce a defensive reaction which would be decided in consultations between OPEC member countries or at a special ministerial level meeting.

Pakistan military to supervise elections

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 1 (R). — Pakistan's military government announced today that general elections will be held on Oct. 18. The military promised the elections, and a return to civilian rule, when it staged a coup on July 5. It took power and brought in martial law in order to quell political violence which had claimed about 350 lives in four months. The army and judiciary will supervise the October election -- Pakistan's troubles arose from allegations of ballot-rigging in a general election held this March.

Opponents of Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, 49, then the premier, alleged that his peoples' party rigged a triumphal return to power. Street violence quickly followed. When the army intervened, Chief of Staff General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haque ordered Mr. Bhutto and leaders both of his party and of the opposing Pakistan National Alliance into military custody. General Zia-ul-Haque freed them last Thursday when they pledged to abide by his conditions for orderly electioneering.

The electorate in the Moslem land of 70 million people will choose a federal national assembly and legislatures in the four provinces on Oct. 18. Today's announcement of an election date coincided with the permitted resumption, subject to restrictions, of political activity.

Political leaders, including Mr. Bhutto, were gathering in Karachi, the biggest city, for indoor meetings to plot campaign strategy. General Zia-ul-Haque promised to lift all curbs on political activity -- apart from potentially disruptive street processions -- in mid-September, and to hand over to a civilian government soon after the

election. Mr. Bhutto, 49, who held power for more than five years, arrived in Karachi from his home in Larkana in the interior of southernmost Sind province. His party derives much support from the rural areas of Sind province. Karachi, a city of more than four million people, generally votes against it. But the crowd welcoming him there was so great that Mr. Bhutto, smiling and waving with a two-finger V-sign, was unable to get down from the train.

After three attempts, he had the train moved to a station about a mile away. Mr. Bhutto then drove to his Karachi home followed by hundreds of cars. Several newspapers meanwhile quoted Pir Pagaro, one of the leaders of the nine-party national alliance, as saying he will stand against Mr. Bhutto in his home town of Larkana. Pir Pagaro was not available for comment on the report.

Guerrillas rocket Rhodesian motel while black nationalist HQ attacked in Lusaka

SALISBURY, Aug. 1 (AFP). — An official communiqué today confirmed last night's guerrilla attack on the Victoria Falls Motel in which two rooms were completely destroyed but no one injured.

The manager of the Victoria Falls Motel, Freddy Pacella, said he estimated damage at 5,000 Rhodesian dollars (about \$6,000) during the 10-minute attack launched at 10 PM yesterday.

Guerrilla rockets punctured the eight-foot high concrete security wall built after a similar attack last October when a white government official was killed and three other people injured.

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MULTIRACIAL TROOPS -- Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith addresses a multiracial group of soldiers during an informal tour of police and military units stationed along Rhodesia's border with Mozambique. The troops are part of Rhodesia's front line defences against nationalist guerrillas. (AP wirephoto).

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Committee approves regulations on hire of foreign workers

AMMAN (JNA). — An ad hoc committee studying employment of non-Jordanian workers Monday drew up its final recommendations about the employment of Arab and foreign workers in Jordan.

The Under-Secretary at the Labour Ministry, Dr. Jawad Anani, who is committee chairman, said they will regulate the employment of non-Jordanian labour. The committee will coordinate with interested authorities, but will not curtail employment, because the Jordanian labour market is suffering shortage of manpower in some sectors.

Dr. Al Anani said the committee has suggested a number of ways to regulate employment: Priority will go to Jordanians, then Arab and foreign workers; the hiring of non-Jordanians inside the Kingdom will be banned; employers will have to deal with work and residence permits; and the transfer of a non-Jordanian from one company to another, except by prior approval of the Labour Ministry and the Public Security Department, will be banned.

Haj health raised at meet

AMMAN (JNA). — Adequate health facilities for pilgrims passing through Jordan en route for Saudi Arabia during this year's haj season was the subject of discussion at the Ministry of Health Monday.

The meeting also discussed the question of plantations irrigated by sewage water. It recommended that such plantations should be destroyed, particularly those being irrigated by the sewage works at Ain Ghazal.

Cabinet approves agreement with agriculture centre

AMMAN (JNA). — The Cabinet Monday approved a bilateral agreement between Jordan and the International Agricultural Research Centre to increase agricultural cooperation. Emphasis will go on providing Jordan with technical expertise.

It also decided to set up two committees to evaluate lands expropriated by the Jordan Valley Authority for the implementation of development projects.

Lebanese minister of industry starts talks

AMMAN (R). — Lebanon's Minister of Industry Michel Doumet had talks here Monday on economic and trade relations between his country and Jordan and means of furthering them.

He conferred with his Jordanian counterpart, Dr. Najmed-dine Dajani, Minister of Finance. Mohammad Dabbas, Central Bank Governor Dr. Mohammad Said Nabulsi and President of the National Planning Council Dr. Karim Uddin.

Mr. Doumet, who arrived in Amman Sunday night, is touring a number of Arab countries for similar talks, according to the Jordan News Agency.

No figures on Lebanese-Jordanian trade are available here, but Jordan exports vegetables to Lebanon and imports fruit, especially apples and cherries.

Air accord signed with Syria here

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan and Syria Sunday signed an air transport agreement under which Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and the Syrian Arab Airlines will be allowed to operate regular internal flights, in addition to international flights, to Arab and foreign countries.

The two airlines started operating a joint flight to New York in July.

The agreement was signed by Jordan's Minister of Transport, Mr. Ali S'heimat, and Syrian Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Abdul Karim Sabbagh.

W. European ambassadors told

Legalisation of 3 Israeli settlements endangers peace

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim Monday explained to a number of West European ambassadors accredited to Jordan the government's position on the Israeli decision to legalise three Israeli settlements set up in the occupied West Bank.

Mr. Ibrahim, who received the British, French, Italian, West German and Belgian ambassadors, outlined the dangers

resulting from that decision, since it contradicts U.N. resolutions and violates the Geneva Convention of 1949, which prohibits any changes in the nature of occupied lands.

He also stressed the obstacles to peace, which such a step might constitute.

He urged the European countries, either unilaterally or under the name of the European Economic Community, to declare their opposition to this illegal decision.

Prospect Theatre members try for fresh approach to Shakespeare

By Irene Ramadan
Special to the Jordan Times

"We are tempted more by a fresh approach to Shakespeare's text than by a modern interpretation of his repertoire." Thus spoke leading members of the British Prospect Theatre Company during a press conference at the Palace of Culture Monday.

The 46-member company, which arrived in Amman Sunday, will perform two plays: "Antony and Cleopatra" on Aug. 3 and "Hamlet" on Aug. 4 and 5.

The actors explained that they work mainly in a collective way. Each actor -- usually from a well-known classical company -- enriches the production with his own experience and ideas.

This method does not require the continual presence of the director, which explains

the absence in Amman of Toby Robertson, who directed both the plays.

For "Hamlet", the Prospect have explored the text in great detail to discover new angles to the well-known character. This performance will be very visual with a lot of action and movement.

"Antony and Cleopatra", on the other hand, will be a "chamber play", relying on very controlled emotions. But the costumes will be very original. Instead of being Roman and Egyptian, they will be Jacobean and Elizabethan.

After seeing a striking painting of Antony and Cleopatra by Tiepolo, Toby Robertson felt he had to dress the actors that way. He wanted to point out how people in Shakespeare's days imagined the Romans and Egyptians.

The Prospect adopts the classical line concerning the framework of Shakespeare's repertoire. Its modern angle will be found in its acting technique and psychological approach.

Asked about the popularity of the classics, Timothy West said: "In England, people are very fond of the classics. If a critic says a modern play is bad, no one will go to see it."

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People also compare past and present actors, especially when it comes to such a well-known character as Hamlet.

Derek Jacobi, who will play Hamlet, explained: "It is a challenging role. But I am trying to get out of what has already been done. For me, Hamlet is a princely, controversial character with a great sense of humour. When I play a role six or seven times a week, I make a point to be satisfied with my performance as much as possible."

To be or not to be satisfied on stage and satisfy the audience is a matter of control, not inspiration, he added.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian dailies Monday commented on the possible achievements of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance during his Middle East tour which begins Monday.

AL DUSTOUR said that Mr. Cyrus Vance's Middle East tour would be a test of American intentions and readiness to pressure Israel into accepting a peace settlement.

Israel's refusal to withdraw from occupied territories and to recognise Palestinian rights is not new, the paper said. Mr. Begin's stand cannot be considered as a surprise to President Carter, for it reminds one of the position adopted by the late Mr. Ben Gurion following the 1956 war, when he refused to withdraw from Sinai for the same reasons.

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The paper added that Mr. Vance must be able to realise that Palestinian representation and Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank are the core of the Middle East problem. It is ridiculous, the paper said, to discuss reconvening the Geneva conference without removing these two obstacles.

The question of how could a solution be thought of while the Palestinians are kept out of their homeland, when the Jordan and Egypt in the Arab-Israeli conflict was due to the very involvement of Syria.

The paper went on to pose Palestinian tragedy.

The paper concluded by saying that the claim that the U.S. is only a mediator in the conflict is not acceptable because American aid has been instrumental in enabling

Israel to lead an aggressive policy for the past thirty years.

AL SHA'B said that, with the start of Mr. Vance's visit to the Middle East, the U.S. is requested not to be prejudiced on the side of the Israelis. Arab leaders have assured the American president that the Arabs as a whole do not entertain the notion of "liquidating" the Jews and at the same time, have insisted that the basis for a Middle East settlement must be Israeli borders as demarcated by U.N. resolutions and have emphasised that Palestinian national rights must be fully obtained.

The paper concluded by saying that Mr. Vance is now required to announce Israeli commitment to the U.N. resolutions.

AL AKHBAR, on the same subject, said that President Carter made tactical withdrawals in the negotiations which are going to be advanced by Mr. Vance during his Middle East tour for, as the paper deduced, President Carter has realised his limitations in the face of pressure from the Israeli lobby inside the U.S.A.

According to the paper, these deductions are valid because of the noticeable laxity of the American stand on the question of the establishment of Israeli settlements and of Palestinian representation at the expected Geneva conference.

The paper posed the question of what is there to hope from Mr. Vance's visit, especially that he himself has already said that he has no ready and ready's on what can be accomplished from his tour? The paper concluded that the Arabs must be careful, things being what they are, to accept to sign unilateral agreements with Israel.

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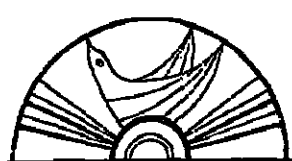
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In a speech delivered on the occasion, Minister of Interior Suleiman Arar said: "We in Jordan are ready to offer whatever assistance is required within the limits of our potential. This course, he added, does not only represent Jordan's participation in ensuring the

security of Arab citizens in Lebanon. It is also a symbol of the strong brotherly relations between two countries. Security in any country is

the cornerstone of prosperity and stability, he said. Jordan's prosperity is the result of the security it enjoys, he concluded.

Mr. Arar afterwards distributed certificates to the cadets, who then presented the Royal Police Academy with a token gift.

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Scientists find chromosomal aberrations among Vietnamese victims of U.S. chemical sprays

HONG KONG (AFP) — Vietnamese scientists have detected significant chromosomal aberrations on a large number of people directly affected by toxic chemicals sprayed by the United States more than six years ago. The Vietnam News Agency said that Dr. Cung Dinh Trung, Dr. Vu Van Dieu and researchers of the Army Medical College had reported their findings to the First National Biological Conference held in Ho Chi Minh City from July 20 to 22.

The researchers have gone to several areas in the Central Highlands and the Mekong River Delta to study the chromosomal aberrations on people affected by American chemical sprays from 1961 to 1970. The scientists discovered aberrations in the structure and number of chromosomes. They also found cases of congenital malformation in children under 12 years.

The news agency said army toxicologists had asserted that chemicals could still be found in the soil of these areas. Basing themselves on the ages of the children, the scientists concluded that the malformation might have resulted from mutagenic chemicals caused by toxic chemicals in the genital cells of their parents, or at least, by the effect of the chemicals in the process of development of the embryo.

ECONOSCOPE By Jawad Ahmad

More coordination, less freedom

In thermodynamics entropy refers to the loss of energy resulting from disorder and dispersion. For instance, at the top of a waterfall, water molecules run in an orderly manner, but at the bottom they disperse. This shift causes a loss of energy. At the top, an electricity-generating wheel runs. At the bottom it does not.

Everytime we talk about coordination, elimination of duplication, unifying efforts, etc. we actually try to decrease entropy or the loss of energy resulting from dispersion.

I find this concept has been aptly explained by Professor Georgescu-Roegen in his book "Entropy and the economic process", and a subsequent article in the Southern Economic Journal in 1975. I find it to be more provoking than the usual example of the "old man and the sticks".

According to the story an old man asked his children to bring a bunch of sticks. Once brought, he asked each to try to break it while together, and no one could. When the sticks were isolated, the children could break them easily. The morale behind the story is that in unity there is power.

Yet my aim here is not to moralise about the virtues of unity, but to speak of the administrative reform which we badly need in a context that should yield the best results.

Coordination to enhance productivity is an excellent achievement. Yet, decentralisation on the other hand, is a sacred cow which management scientists stick to with force. Coordination may easily lead to more centralised management, and loss of freedom at the unit level.

This vicious circle must be broken somewhere. Coordination should not mean the merging of authorities under one, but should concentrate on creating movement in unison. Let each unit decide its course of action, but let that action take the same direction, so that the net result of all units will be more than the sum of the result of each unit alone.

We are talking about reviewing the civil service system. Actually, a new system has been drafted and distributed to different ministries and departments for revision and comment. But the concept of enhancing productivity and output was not tackled properly.

We should propose major policies that each department must work towards achieving. But for each department, and within it, action must go in the same direction. This is too theoretical a point at this juncture, but it can be translated into action.

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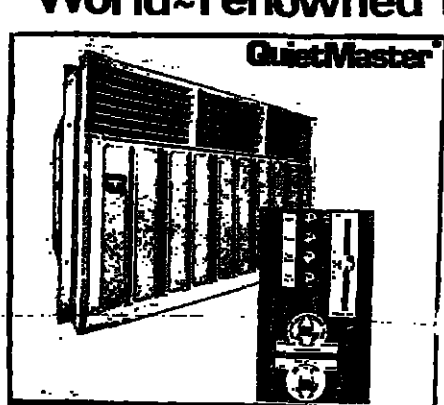
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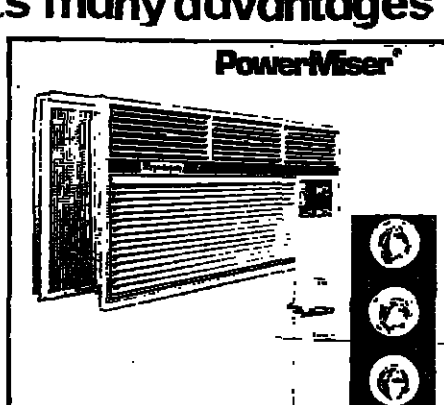
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Italy's Andreotti enters second year with strong political position

ROME (R). — Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti enters the second year of his minority Christian Democratic government reinforced by a successful visit to Washington and helped by the powerful Communist Party.

This week, the active prime minister flies off to Saudi Arabia for talks aimed at winning contracts and financial backing for Italy.

When he took office last July 30, few people thought the canny Roman politician would last very long.

His government needed the abstention of the Communists, Socialists, Social Democrats, Republicans and Liberals to stay alive.

But today, Signor Andreotti holds a strong position on the volatile Italian political scene with a mandate to continue governing through a six-party agreement on key legislation.

Signor Andreotti, who writes novels and history books in his spare time, is heading his third cabinet. It has already surpassed the average life of an Italian government of nine months.

Although forecasts are dangerous in the unpredictable world of Italian politics, some analysts here are predicting he will remain in charge until next year.

His visit to Washington was seen here as a big personal boost, with President Carter praising him as one of the most expert and experienced leaders in the world.

The American view of the Washington talks was that they started a new chapter in relations between the U.S. and Italy with the keynote being concrete cooperation on nuclear power.

"The two men hit off remarkably well," a reliable source said. "They were both businesslike. There wasn't a wasted word."

Signor Andreotti told the U.S. president of what he regarded as his main achievement in office so far -- a national agreement including trade unions, management, political parties and government on ways of helping the sagging economy.

This agreement, reached last December, paved the way for a \$500 million International Monetary Fund loan and stopped pressure on the lira in the money markets.

Since then, inflation has dropped, the balance of payments deficit has narrowed and Italy's chronic economic crisis has receded -- although the country still has grave problems.

It was reached with the vital backing of the powerful Communist Party -- Italy's second biggest political group after the Christian Democrats -- and was followed by the six-party pact on future legislation, strongly supported by the communists.

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Wage ceiling negotiations officially end Britain returns to free collective bargaining

LONDON, Aug. 1 (R). — Britain's anti-inflation experiment, in which unions and government met each year to work out a ceiling for the nation's wage rises, came to an official end yesterday.

It broke down because the workers would not support it any longer.

In its place will be a return to the traditional system of free collective bargaining, in which unions and bosses negotiate their own pay deals.

But strenuous efforts are still being made both by the Labour government and the Trades Union Congress (TUC) to ensure that, whatever happens around each company's bargaining table, the national wage bill will not go up by more than 10 per cent in the coming year.

It is a very British sort of compromise. Instead of the unions and government agreeing to set 10 per cent as the limit for any wage increase, they have accepted that they cannot reach a precise agreement — but will try to achieve the same thing by their own individual efforts.

Pessimists fear a wage explosion, with the tougher unions going for huge claims which could bring another period of rampant inflation. The railwaymen have asked for 63.5 per cent pay rises this year, and the coalminers, who

se union brought down a previous Conservative government in a pay confrontation, have said they will press for a 90 per cent increase.

Optimists think that pay rises overall can be kept down, even though a few sections, especially skilled workers, will want to push further ahead than others.

TUC leaders have warned unions not to go all out for big wage claims. They have stressed there must be an orderly return to free bargaining, and that negotiations this year should aim at simply guarding their members against rising prices rather than trying to catch up on the past few years.

Because of strong loyalty in the trade union movement for the Labour government, and because many union leaders have recognised Britain's economic troubles, both the government and TUC have proclaimed that they will go on working together.

Both Prime Minister James Callaghan, and TUC General Secretary Len Murray have said that the "social contract", the unwritten and voluntary pledge by government and industry is in danger, but it is not dead even though formal wage guidelines have been dropped.

Mr. Healey has said the country's total wage bill must

still not exceed 10 per cent, promising strict monetary control which would simply mean more unemployment if some unions achieved pay increases the were too large.

The current annual rate of inflation here is 17.7 per cent. It is the worst inflation in the industrialised non-communist world apart from Italy which has a rate of around 20 per cent.

Yet Britain's inflation a few years ago was much worse. It raced away at an annual rate of around 30 per cent, while unions fought for massive rises and businessmen warned of possible economic, social and political chaos.

Protectionism is on the upswing says IMF report

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (R). — Protectionism in developing and industrial countries is growing, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said yesterday.

The IMF, in its 28th annual report on exchange restrictions, said import curbs appeared to be at a higher level than they were before the start of the worldwide recession in 1974.

"A larger number of countries and a greater proportion of world trade became subject to more restrictive policies, especially nontariff barriers to imports applied on a selective basis," it said.

The IMF said measures to restrict imports were supported to an increasing extent by export restraint agreements.

It also said real output in industrial countries rose by about 5.5 per cent in 1973 while inflation was lower than in the previous two years. World trade was up 11 per cent in 1976 and world unemployment continued to be high.

The IMF pointed out that while such export restraint agreements were normally negotiated between industrial and developing countries, they had also been used recently to restrain trade between some of the industrial countries.

It said several countries of the European Economic Community maintained or introduced new quotas or licensing procedures in accordance with EEC directives or decisions while easing some of the import restraints introduced earlier.

In addition, the IMF said, some EEC countries continued to have restraint agreements with several developing countries.

In general, the IMF said the United States has not restricted imports even when the government found injury to domestic industries.

However, the report said, restrictions had been put on

imports of specialty steel and meat quotas were also imposed, superseding an export restraint agreement.

It said Japan had subjected

some imports to prenotification requirements, while quantitative import controls were more prevalent in the non-EEC nations of Europe.

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	267.05 / 20	Japanese yen	
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Egyptian pound	462.00 / 472.00
Libyan dinar	685.00 / 710.00
UAE dirham	83.00 / 70
U.K. sterling	568.00 / 574.00
U.S. dollar	326.00 / 328.00
German mark	143.00 / 40
French franc	67.00 / 30
Swiss franc	136.00 / 40
Italian lira (for every 100)	27.10 / 30

The New York Stock Exchange posted a moderate advance Monday, recuperating from last week's losses. The industrial average was up almost six points one hour before the close and finally closed at 891.81, up 1.74 after moderate trading.

Gains outnumbered declines by 820 to 581, 461 shares were unchanged.

Steels pulled back. Airlines, chemicals and oils were mixed, except for Mobil, up one point at 69-1/2. Boeing rose 2-5/8 at 59-1/8. IBM was up 1-5/8 at 269-3/4. General Motors was up 1-1/8 at 69-3/8. Among gold mines, Homestake posted a 1-1/4 gain at 41-5/8.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 891.81, a gain of 1.74 points; Transp at 228.40, a gain of 0.10; utilities at 116.95, a gain of 0.58. 17,920,000 shares changed hands, of which 3,550,000 during the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Government bonds were a firm feature Monday expectations of a fall in interest rates. Prospects of a sharp increase in the U.K. official reserves and more trade union chiefs calling for moderation in pay demands were other factors to influence sentiment dealers said. Net gains ranged to over one point in moderately active trading.

Equities firmed in sympathy with bonds but interest was relatively light, dealers added. At 15:00 the F.T. index was up 4.7 at 444.9.

Gold shares ended narrowly higher on balance. U.S. issues gained marginally while Canadians eased slightly.

ICI, Fisons, Beechams, Thorn, EMI and Courtaulds showed net rises of 3p to 6p. Reed International and Pilkington were each 10p higher in a thin market. Reed reports quarterly figures later this week.

Oils ended narrowly higher after an irregular trend Shell closed 4p up and 3p gains were scored Ultramar and Tricentrol. Banks gained between 2p and 5p.

Properties came in for light support where Hammerson finished 12p up others rose as much as 6p.

Israeli pound is devalued 1.9.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (R). — The Israeli pound was fixed at 9.8842 to the United States dollar today following last night's 1.9 per cent devaluation.

The previous fixing by the Bank of Israel last Friday put the Israeli pound at 9.6789 to the dollar.

It was Israel's third devaluation in a month. Normally the Israeli currency had been allowed to slide at a steady two per cent once a month.

The pound sterling was set at 17.1856 Israeli pounds compared with Friday's 16.8362 Israeli pounds.

The rate for the West German mark was 4.3098 against Friday's 4.2447.

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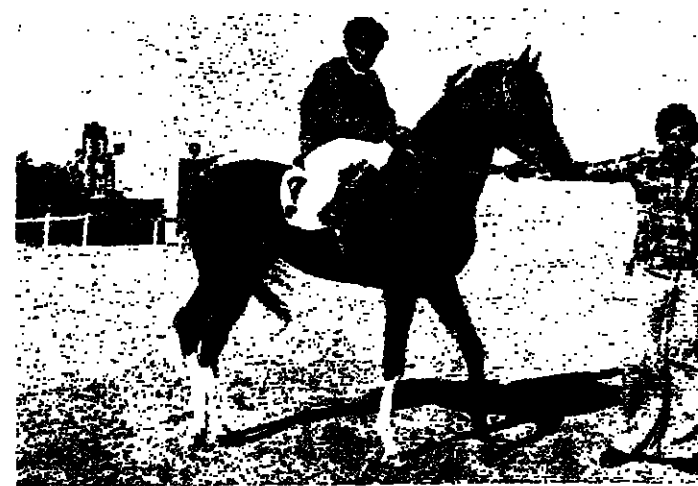
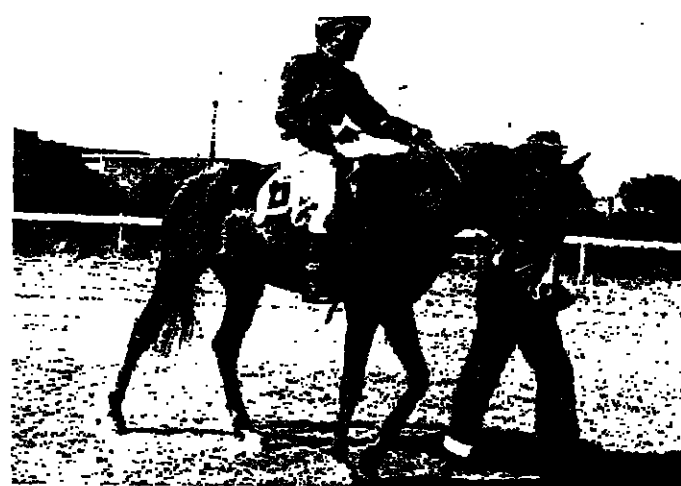
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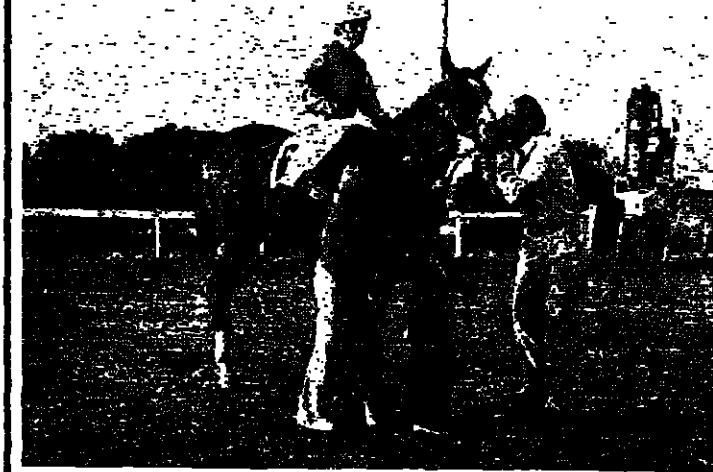
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After 2-month government crisis

Slim majority gives Demirel's coalition vote of confidence

ANKARA, Aug. 1 (R). — Parliament today confirmed Premier Suleyman Demirel's rightwing coalition in office by a vote of confidence that ended a two-month government crisis.

The vote in the National Assembly was 229 to 219.

Members of the government parties stuck together, despite doubts among some members of the effectiveness of the coalition.

Mr. Demirel renewed the coalition which has governed Turkey for the last 30 months -- after the June 5 general el-

ection failed to give any party a clear mandate.

Mr. Demirel's shaky coalition has been criticised on the grounds that it cannot cope with the country's urgent problems. These include a foreign trade deficit that threatens to cripple the economy, and unchecked political violence.

At meetings of his own Justice Party's (JP) parliamentary group in the past week, several members criticised Mr. Demirel for renewing his faction-ridden coalition, expressing doubts that it would be any more unified or effective than before.

On Saturday a high school student died in hospital and another was in serious condition after gunmen opened fire from a passing car in an Istanbul suburb in another outburst of the political violence plaguing Turkey.

Police said two young suspects had been arrested and two others were being sought. A spokesman said the incident was politically motivated, but declined to say whether those involved were rightist or leftist.

More than 125 people have died in political violence in Turkey since the beginning of this year.

Son of Sam strikes in New York again

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (R). — Surgeons here were today trying to save the life of a 20-year-old woman, latest victim of New York's shadowy psychopath killer who calls himself "Son of Sam".

A hospital spokesman said Miss Stacy Moskowitz, who was shot in the head and neck early yesterday as she and her boyfriend sat in a parked car in one of the Brooklyn's secluded lovers' lanes, was still in critical condition after today's 30-minute operation.

Her companion, Mr. Robert Violante, also 20, was reported in "still guarded" condition after losing the sight of one eye and partial sight in the other as a result of his wounds.

The two shootings, with a .44 calibre pistol -- Son of Sam's trademark -- brought his number of victims to 13

since he began his spree on July 29 last year. Five have died.

The killer crept up to a parked car in the lovers' lane early yesterday and fired four shots through an open window.

Then he calmly walked away, disappearing into the darkness, an eyewitness told police.

Police, fearing that the killer would celebrate the anniversary of his first attack on July 29 last year, posted hundreds of volunteer officers in the boroughs of Queens and the Bronx on Friday. Policewomen sat in parked cars as decoys, hoping to lure him to strike.

But the killer moved into the new territory of Brooklyn yesterday. Previously his victims, mostly young brown-haired women, had been shot in the Bronx and Queens.

French minister blames foreign anarchists for demo's violence

CREYS-MALVILLE, France, Aug. 1 (R). — Interior Minister Christian Bonnet has blamed foreign anarchists for violent clashes at an anti-nuclear demonstration in which one protester died and at least 100 were injured.

Thousands of demonstrators and security forces fought pitched battles, outside the site of France's first fast-breeder nuclear reactor, the "Super-Phenix".

The clashes erupted when about 100 protesters threw petrol bombs and stones in a furious attempt to breach the 5,000-strong police cordon.

A 31-year-old frenchman,

trampled on by a crowd fleeing from a police charge, died of a heart attack.

M. Bonnet, speaking on television last night, said the violence was caused by a 1,000-strong foreign contingent among the demonstrators.

These people are undeniably anarchists both in their actions and their beliefs who know no frontiers and have turned up elsewhere, notably in West Germany," he said.

Today, border police were checking the papers of foreigners returning home from the demonstration which had been organised by leftwing groups and ecologists worried about the security of fast-breeder reactors.

The organisers said that 60,000 people attended the rally, which had been officially banned, but M. Bonnet described their figure as "a pleasant little joke."

"There were about 20,000," he said.

East, West appear close to accord at Belgrade meet

BELGRADE, Aug. 1 (R). — East and West appeared close to a final compromise yesterday in drafting an agenda and ground rules for the European security conference.

With only one key problem still disputed, diplomats reported growing optimism that a solution would be found during backstage consultations starting today. But they predicted hard bargaining.

The preparatory stage of the 35-state conference passed a tentative deadline yesterday, after six weeks of intensive effort in patching together a timetable for the full autumn conference.

When the talks began, all delegations were confident the timetable would be completed by July 31. Now, diplomats are reckoning they will need up to five more days to finish the job. Most of the agenda and ground rules are ready, but cannot be finally endorsed until there is agreement on some form of cut-off for the full conference, which will last at least three months.

Senior diplomats said it was virtually certain that the conference -- with human rights as a dominant issue -- would run into a fourth month, and possibly longer. Junior ministers will be present at the start, planned for Sept. 27 or Oct. 4.

The U.S., Canada, Britain, France and several other Western countries, joined by communist Romania, are resisting Soviet efforts to set a firm cut-off date both for specialist working groups and for the full conference.

This is not the only major outstanding problem, and the outcome hinges on finding a generally acceptable term of words. Western officials said some form of cut-off was inescapable.

U. S., Canadian meet: World nuclear war before century's end

PUGWASH, Nova Scotia, Aug. 1 (R). — The world will be involved in a nuclear war before the end of the century, according to a group of U.S. and Canadian scientists meeting here during the weekend. Delegates to the annual Pugwash conference, including leading academics from both countries, drew the conclusion on the likelihood of war after two days of intense talks on the nature of Soviet and United States arms buildups. A spokesman said one major conclusion was that future talks on arms buildups must be linked directly to talks on economic development of less advanced nations.

Unlike the first Pugwash conference in July 1957, when communist nations, including China and the Soviet Union, sent politically influential scientists, recent conferences have involved only U.S. and Canadian representatives. Twenty scientists from 10 countries attended the 1957 founding conference held at the estate of Cleveland industrialist Cyrus Eaton.

Among those attending this year's conference was Mr. Bernard Feld, Prof. of Physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Secretary General of the conference. He was once a member of the Manhattan Project, the World War II group working in the U.S. that produced the first atomic bomb.

You never know with these Israelis!

HAIFA, Aug. 1 (R). — A bomb scare in a Haifa vegetable market today turned out to be a civil defence exercise. Police first announced that a "bomb" had been made harmless later they said it was a test device for training police bomb disposal experts.

In speech for army's anniversary

China's defence minister expects world war soon

PEKING, Aug. 1 (Agencies). Defence Minister Yeh Chienying called yesterday for immediate modernisation of China's huge armed forces because world war could break out "at an early date."

Official media said that in "a long, important speech" for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), Marshal Yeh said there was an urgent need for sophisticated weapons.

He told 10,000 people at a rally here to seize every moment to hasten efforts to strengthen the armed forces, the militia, weapons development and defence industries.

Military modernisation me-

ant improved guided missiles, nuclear weapons "and mastery of the new techniques of modern army and equipment," the defence minister said.

Marshal Yeh, 80, China's number two leader, repeated previous Peking warnings that the Soviet Union and United States were locked "in an increasingly fierce struggle for hegemony and a world war will break out one day."

China's 850 million people must keep war in mind. "We must be ready for a war breaking out at an early date and for a big war," he said.

Marshal Yeh is a hugely respected figure who has served in the PLA almost since its birth during the Nanchang

uprising of 1927.

Marshal Yeh reiterated Peking's determination to liberate the nationalist-held offshore island of Taiwan. "Taiwan Province is an inalienable part of China's territory and when and how to liberate it is China's internal affair in which no one has the right to interfere," he told the applauding crowd in the Great Hall of the People.

Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, in PLA uniform, presided at the televised rally, sitting beside Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping. Mr. Teng was rehabilitated recently after being consigned to the political wilderness for more than a year by the so-called "gang of four" radicals, now themselves disgraced.

Television cameras constantly framed Chairman Hua, together with Mr. Yeh and Mr.

S. African police open fire on Soweto's demonstrating students

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 1 (Agencies). — Police in the huge African township of Soweto, near here, opened fire today on students who boycotted classes to attend demonstrations against the South African government's educational policies.

Several students were taken to hospital suffering from bites from police dogs or blows from batons.

Police said they fired on a group of youths stoning vehicles including a bus.

The police, who on Friday shot dead a woman in Soweto, issued a warning to would-be demonstrators after a meeting here yesterday between the country's top law-enforcement officers.

"Anti-riot" squad commander Gen. David Kriel and Soweto's police chief Jan Visser attended the meeting.

South African police had warned militant students in Soweto that they can expect tough treatment if they maintain their boycott of schools.

"These people will have to face the consequences of their actions," Mr. Visser said last night.

When the brigadier issued a similar warning after student demonstrations in Soweto earlier this year, most young blacks took the hint and returned to their classrooms.

But this time they are committed not only to maintain but to extend their boycott in support of demands for education-

al reform and self-rule for the troubled township, the heart of black militancy in South Africa.

The Soweto Students Representative Council, now the effective black authority in the township, has called on students to board schools outside Soweto to join the walk-out and return home.

Sunday in Soweto was quiet after three days of violence in which police fired shotguns and rubber bullets and unleashed albatross dogs to deal with stone-throwing blacks.

Strong police reinforcements were moved into the township late on Saturday after police Gen. Kriel warned: "We are not going to stand for this nonsense."

Despite continuing black protest over the education system, in Soweto and other townships, white authorities have made no move to meet their demands for equality.

Government ministers have denied that the black system is discriminatory, and have blamed laziness by black teachers and students alike for low scholastic achievements by blacks when compared with whites. They note that the curriculum is the same for both races.

But the students retort that the system itself produces inferior black teachers, because it does not require sufficiently high standards of them, and that this creates a vicious circle. What's more, they say, black classrooms are drastically overcrowded and teaching facilities virtually non-existent.

Typhoon kills 38 people in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Aug. 1 (R). — Typhoon Vera swept towards mainland China today after leaving at least 38 people dead in Taiwan. It was the second typhoon to lash the island in five days.

Packing winds of 200 kph., Vera scythed across northern Taiwan yesterday to bring the death toll from a week of disaster on the island to 69.

Typhoon Thelma, which struck southern Taiwan last Tuesday, killed 3 people as well as flattening 2,000 houses and

battering Kaohsiung Harbour, Taiwan's biggest international port.

Vera wrecked three of the four container cranes in the northernmost port of Keelung and the area's electricity and water supplies were knocked out.

In Naha, Okinawa, one fisherman was killed and five were feared dead after Vera swept past the southern tip of Japan, destroying more than 1,000 buildings, the coast guard said.

West German police hunt 4 women in case of murdered bank director

FRANKFURT, Aug. 1 (AFP).

West German police, who yesterday stepped up a hunt for four young women wanted in connection with Saturday's killing of bank president Juergen Ponto, said they had discovered links between the four and "extreme-left circles."

Mr. Ponto, 53-year-old President of the Dresdener Bank -- one of the largest in West Germany -- died less than two hours after being shot by a woman at his home. Police said the attacker was Susanne Albrecht, 27, the daughter of friends of the banker.

She was said to have been admitted to the house by Mr. Ponto's chauffeur and to have escaped later with two friends who had waited outside. Police believe that the original intention was to kidnap the banker.

The police have named the three other women, wanted in connection with the attack, as Silke Maier-Witt, 27, Angelika Speitel, 25, and Siegrid Sternbeck, 28.

The Karlsruhe Federal Poli-

ce, who has since taken refuge in Paris, police said.

"The tracks also cross with the Buback affair," a federal police spokesman said yesterday.

Mr. Siegfried Buback, a federal state prosecutor, was gunned down in April as he sat in his car at a traffic light. Political sources yesterday said the fresh killing had raised indignation throughout the country.

The three women also worked for a time with the farmer lawyer for the Ender-Meinhof group, Klaus Croisse.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

North Korea announces new offshore border

* SEOUL, Aug. 1 (R). — South Korea today refused to recognise a new North Korean offshore "military border", saying it might upset the status quo established 24 years ago under the Korean armistice agreement. North Korea's Supreme Military Council announced today that the military border would extend 50 miles off the North Korean east coast and 200 miles off its west coast. It would be within its 200-mile economic zone.

Israel to hold military parade in 1978

* OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (AFP). — The Israeli government decided yesterday to go ahead with a military parade here next year to mark the 30th anniversary of the "founding" of Israel -- despite opposition from Defence Minister Ezer Weizman. Gen. Weizman opposed the parade -- an annual tradition dropped several years ago -- on grounds of cost, expected to be between 120 and 150 million Israeli pounds (between \$12 and \$15 million). The Israeli army had no right to lay out such a sum especially at a time when its budget had been reduced, the general said. The government's decision to stage the anniversary parade was said to have been influenced by Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

2 bombs rock Nkomo's Lusaka headquarters

* LUSAKA, Aug. 1 (R). — A double bomb-blast rocked the headquarters here of Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo early yesterday, causing extensive damage but no casualties, police said today. A spokesman for Mr. Nkomo -- who is at present in Cuba seeking arms -- blamed the attack on agents of Rhodesia's white minority government. Mr. Nkomo, co-leader with Mr. Robert Mugabe of the guerrilla backed Patriotic Front, has his Lusaka base in a bungalow called "Zimbabwe House".

Indira Gandhi accused of press harassment

* NEW DELHI, Aug. 1 (AFP). — A white paper presented to parliament here today accused former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government of forcing the mass media to "lose the official line" through ruthless methods. The paper on "misuse of mass media during the internal emergency" was prepared by a one-man committee set up by the new Janata Party government in May last. The report said that through rigorous censorship, use of government advertisements and control of newspaper allocation the press was pressured into building up the image of Mrs. Gandhi as well as that of her son Sanjay. Official press was also used on All-India Radio, television, the films division and the Samachar news agency by the then Information and Broadcasting Minister, V. C. Shukla; it added it also said newspapers were closed, some journalists were expelled, and some others arrested and their families harassed during Mrs. Gandhi's regime.

Secrets leaked on Queen's N. Ireland visit

* BELFAST, Aug. 1 (AFP). — Security forces in Northern Ireland on Saturday expressed concern over the leaking to an Irish Republican news-sheet of details of Queen Elizabeth's forthcoming visit to the province. An apparently confidential document giving the Queen's programme during her two-day visit on Aug. 11 and 12 was published on Friday in the Provisional Irish Republican newspaper, Republican News. The Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) has been waging an urban guerrilla war to force Britain to relinquish the province. Reliable sources suggested that the programme of the Queen, who is visiting the province for the first time since civil strife erupted in 1968, might now be changed. Some days ago security forces defused an IRA bomb in the grounds of Coleraine University, where the Queen is due to spend the second day of her stay.

Fiery meteorite hits earth in Madagascar

* ANATANANARIVO, Aug. 1 (R). — A fiery meteorite plunged to earth in Madagascar on Saturday splitting in two as it hit the atmosphere, one part causing a crater 240 metres across, Madagascar Radio reported. It said part of the meteorite fell at Fianarantsoa, 400 kms. south of here. The exact location of the other crash point was not pinpointed but the radio said it fell in the Ankazobe region 100 kms. west of here.

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